

House Resolution 12 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY HORBACH
1 3 A Resolution designating May 1 as Iowa Right to Work Day.
1 4 WHEREAS, the federal Taft-Hartley Act of 1947
1 5 established the rights of states to enact
1 6 right-to-work laws for workers in their states and
1 7 freedom to choose to prohibit labor shop agreements
1 8 within their borders; and
1 9 WHEREAS, right-to-work laws guarantee that a person
1 10 cannot be compelled, as a condition of employment, to
1 11 join or not to join a labor union, or to pay dues to a
1 12 labor union; and
1 13 WHEREAS, Iowa's Fifty-second General Assembly
1 14 enshrined Iowa as a right-to-work state; and
1 15 WHEREAS, Iowa's right-to-work law became effective
1 16 on May 1, 1947, and has remained in full force and
1 17 effect since that day, giving Iowa workers freedom of
1 18 choice in the workplace; and
1 19 WHEREAS, for nearly 60 years, this freedom has
1 20 guaranteed the rights of Iowa workers, along with
1 21 their fellow workers in over 20 other states, the
1 22 power to support or refuse to support a union in their
1 23 workplace, according to their own personal beliefs;
1 24 and
1 25 WHEREAS, many studies have shown that states whose
1 26 workers benefit from the protections of the
1 27 right-to-work law have higher growth and wage rates;
1 28 and
1 29 WHEREAS, economic professionals throughout the
1 30 world have concluded that right-to-work laws promote
2 1 economic development and growth of new and existing
2 2 businesses; NOW THEREFORE,
2 3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 4 That May 1 be designated "Iowa Right to Work Day", and
2 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
2 6 Representatives encourages the workers of Iowa to
2 7 recognize and celebrate the importance of this day to
2 8 ensure individual choice in employment for all
2 9 workers.
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